



Docket No. 2629-4023

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Attila Lorincz, et al. Group Art Unit: 1655
Serial No. : 09/850,041 Examiner: Myers, Carla
Filed : May 07, 2001
For : NON-RADIOACTIVE HYBRIDIZATION ASSAY AND KIT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows. In addition, a Petition for an Extension of Time (4 months) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) are filed herewith to extend the time for response up to, and including, April 15, 2003, as calculated from the date of receipt of the Notice of Appeal, *i.e.*, October 15, 2002.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.